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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
26X1A98 Mr. A. Nash	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

2. The Committee approved the proposed revision of the Outline Guide for Section 37 (Civil Air) which was submitted at the last meeting by the Air Force member.

3. Discussion was held on the proposed revision of the NIS "Editorial Instructions" which was submitted to the Committee at the last meeting for consideration. A number of minor changes were suggested by the State and Army members. The Committee approved the revision with the understanding that D/B would incorporate such of these changes in the final draft as were considered necessary.

4. The Army member submitted the proposed Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications) production schedule for FY 1952 and related schedules for Supplements I and III. He also submitted a tentative draft of Chapter II (Military Geography) for general guidance of the Chapter IX Coordinator for the press to be scheduled for Chapter IX. The Army member stated he would submit a final draft of Chapter II schedule as soon as possible.

The Chairman reported that the schedule for Chapter VII (Scientific) would be ready by the next meeting.

5. The Chairman reviewed the NIS production for March. Only 16 sections were received in D/B during that month, of which 10 had been submitted by Army. State's production had dropped to approximately 30% of its monthly quota. While the qualitative adequacy of contributions was generally good, the Chairman noted that all four of the contributions in Category III had been Transportation sections from Army. As of 31 March there were 83 sections overdue from the contributing agencies, which backlog had accumulated since 1 January 1951 when the revised Production Schedule became effective. During this same three-months' period only 59 sections were received in CIA, or approximately 42% of commitments.

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The State member indicated that the causes of State's low production for March were due mainly to 1) bottlenecks in the review of contributions within OIR Divisions; 2) delays in the receipt of sub-contributions from Agriculture and Interior; and 3) reproduction backlogs in Central Services, State. He said that these matters were being given immediate attention and he felt that future production would be considerably increased as a result of corrective measures now being, or shortly to be, instituted.

6. The Chairman requested consideration be given to revisions before publication of certain subsections of Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) in the USSR. The various subsections carry release dates between December 1949 and October 1950. The reason for these variations is due to delays in coordination and production which had occurred in State during the preparation of the Section. Because of the importance of this Section, the Chairman considered that unusual effort should be made by the contributors to bring all material reasonably up to date before publication. The Air Force is now revising its contribution on "Aircraft Production". The Chairman proposed that State and Army do likewise with their contributions. The Navy contribution on "Shipbuilding" is reasonably current and does not, therefore, require any revision. The State and Army members took the matter under consideration.

25X1X7. The Air Force member reported he had received a request from the [REDACTED] for 25X1X7 "Weather" sections of the NIS and JANIS. The Chairman informed him that [REDACTED] was receiving from CIA 20 copies of all releasable NIS sections and had copies of all JANIS on hand. Since the OSI is responsible for the dissemination of the NIS and JANIS, a request for additional copies of these publications should properly be directed to him.

8. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 17 April 1951.

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